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SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CONGRESSIONAL PREROGATIVE TO PROTECT AUTHORSHIP AND FREE EXPRESSION

Congressman John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee, issued the following statement regarding today's Supreme Court decision on the Copyright Term Extension Act (Eldred v. Ashcroft):

"I am not surprised that the Court upheld the prerogative of Congress to promote and protect authorship. Copyright protection is the main incentive that content owners have to create and distribute their creations; if Congress does not act pursuant to its constitutional responsibilities to update that protection as technology advances, we will take away that incentive and lose what is this country's number one export. This decision demonstrates this country's commitment to encouraging authorship and free expression."

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